

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet(s) of drawings includes corrections to the formal drawings to more accurately correspond to the informal drawings as originally filed. Reference numeral 15 and the corresponding valve were shown in Figs. 2 and 3 of the informal drawings submitted in the application, but were omitted from the formal drawings submitted on February 14, 2005.

The drawings were objected to for allegedly failing to show reference numeral 32. However, Figure 4 of both the informal drawings as originally filed and the formal drawings submitted February 14, 2005 included reference number 32.

Attachments: Annotated Sheet
Replacement sheet

REMARKS

This paper is being filed in response to the non-final Official Action dated December 26, 2006. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing claim amendments and the following remarks.

The claims were objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) for not including reference numeral 32. However, this reference numeral was shown in the drawings in Fig. 4, both in the original informal drawings, and also in the formal drawings submitted along with the transmittal of formal drawings dated February 14, 2005. However, the valve (and its corresponding reference numeral 15), while shown in the informal drawings originally filed in this application, was mistakenly omitted from Figs. 2 and 3 of the formal drawings submitted February 14, 2005. Accordingly, a further set of corrected formal drawings is submitted herewith with each sheet thereof labeled "Replacement Sheet." In addition, an annotated set of drawings is also submitted herewith, with handwritten markings to show the changes as compared to the previously submitted formal drawings.

The Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that claims 18-33 are allowed, and that claims 4 through 8 contain allowable subject matter. By this response, claims 1 through 3 and 9 through 17 (the rejected claims) have been cancelled, claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form.

CONCLUSION

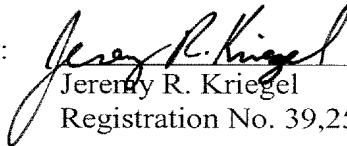
In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance, and the Examiner's favorable action is respectfully requested.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney. The Commissioner is directed to charge or debit any additional fees or refunds required, to Deposit Account No. 13-2855 of Marshall, Gerstein & Borun LLP.

Respectfully submitted,

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FIG. 2

Valve (15),
shown in
informal
drawings,
now included
in formal
drawings

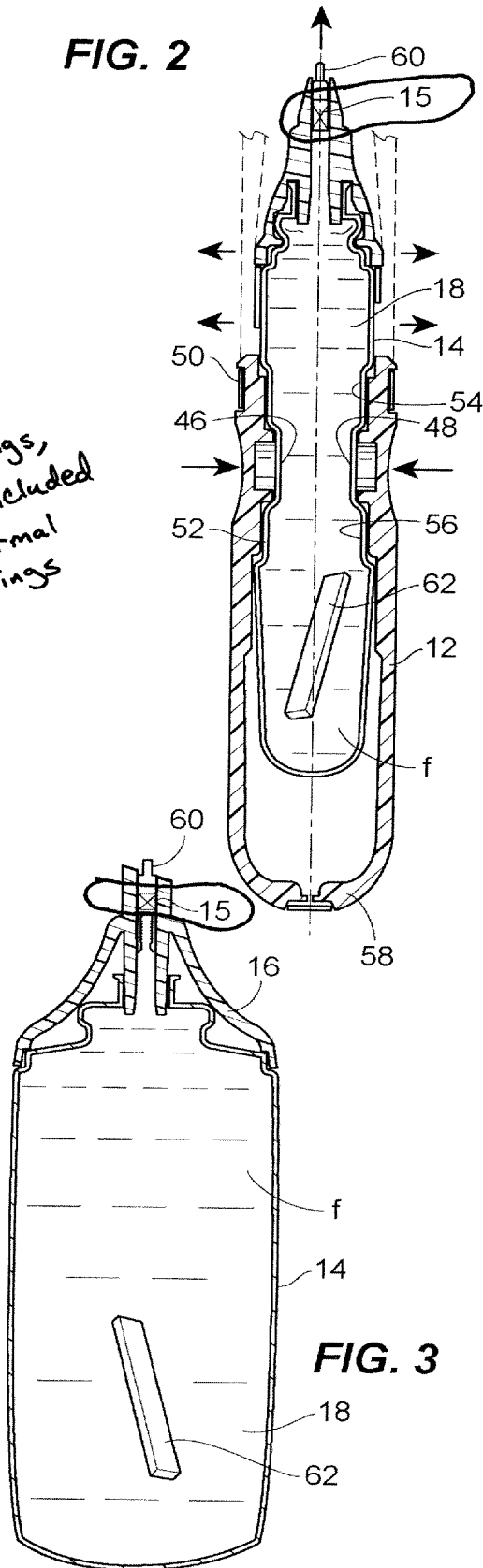


FIG. 4

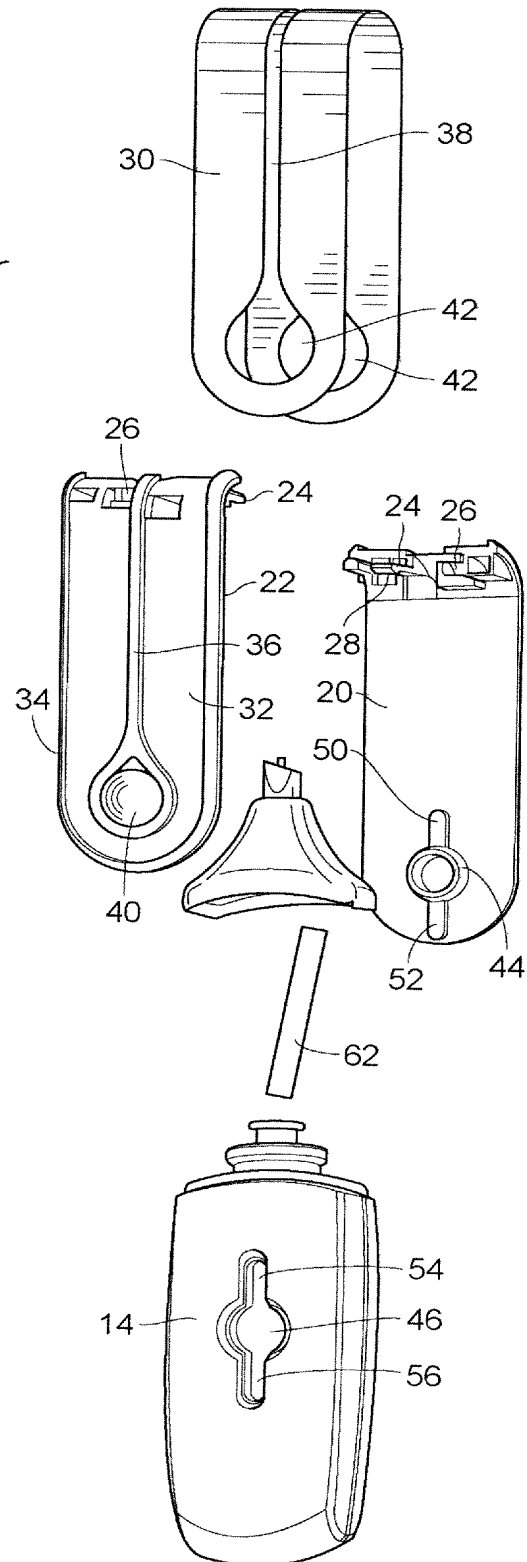


FIG. 3

